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MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ASSEMBLY SPENT LARGE PART OF
MORNING DISCUSSING WHETHER FIVE QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE
FORMULATED BY CHAIRMAN DIALLO RE AMENDMENT OF CHICAGO
CONVENTION SHOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR GENERAL DEBATE. ARGENTINA,
BELGIUM, PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA AND TURKEY BELIEVED
DEBATE SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED IN ANY WAY. KENYA AND
PAKISTAN WERE QUITE HAPPY WITH MANNER IN WHICH QUESTIONS
HAD BEEN FORMULATED AND WERE PREPARED TO TAKE A POSITION
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ON THEM. US SAID IT (1) BELIEVED NO VOTE ON QUESTION OF

PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE COMPLETE, ADEQUATE DEBATE;
(2) RECOGNIZED VOTES ON PRINCIPLE ARE SOMETIMES NECESSARY
BEFORE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING OR DRAFTING GROUPS TO
PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THEM; AND (3) FELT NO VOTE ON QUESTION
OF PRINCIPLE SHOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF REJECTING ALL
ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IN ITS ENTIRETY.
US THEN SUGGESTED COMMITTEE GET ON WITH ITS WORK AND FOREGO
FURTHER PROCEDURAL DISPUTES.

2. AFTER COFFEE BREAK DISCUSSION ON FIVE QUESTIONS AND
OTHER POINTS RE JOINT FRENCH/UK/SWISS PROPOSAL BEGAN IN EARNEST.
AT END OF DAY OVER FIFTY SPEAKERS HAD COMMENTED AND THERE WERE
STILL MORE THAT WANTED THE FLOOR. ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION,
THOSE WHO SPOKE WERE OPPOSED TO USE OF ARTICLE 94 B) OF CHICAGO.
MANY WERE AGAINST AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 87 AS PROPOSED BY UK
AND SWITZERLAND. OBJECTION TO INCORPORATION OF HAGUE AND
MONTREAL CONVENTIONS IN CHICAGO APPEARED LIMITED TO ANGLOPHONE
AFRICANS BUT SPEAKERS WERE DIVIDED ON WHETHER INCLUDE ARTICLE
12 OF HAGUE AND ARTICLE 14 OF MONTREAL OR USE ARTICLES 84
TO 88 OF CHICAGO FOR DISPUTES. REGARDING QUESTION OF INCORPO-
RATION IN CHICAGO CONVENTION OF PROVISIONS CONCERNING ACTS
OF UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE COMMITTED BY STATES, SEVERAL SPEAKERS
SAID SANCTIONS AGAINST STATES WAS PEROGATIVE OF UN SECURITY
COUNCIL.

3. AT END OF MEETING THERE WAS TALK OF CLOSURE OF DEBATE
BUT NO ACTION TO THIS EFFECT. CHAIRMAN SAID HE EXPECTED VOTE
ON FIRST THREE QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE AT NEXT MTG OF
COMMITTEE. UK CHALLENGED THIS AND MTG ENDED IN CONFUSION. VOLPE

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